



## 1997 SENATE BILL 438

February 4, 1998 - Introduced by Senators MOEN, BURKE, RISSER, FITZGERALD, SCHULTZ, DECKER, CLAUSING, BRESKE, WINEKE, WIRCH, SHIBILSKI, WELCH, A. LASEE, RUDE, WEEDEN, ELLIS, FARROW and ZIEN, cosponsored by Representatives MUSSER, KUNICKI, KREUSER, DOBYNS, OLSEN, KELSO, TURNER, PLOUFF, PLALE, F. LASEE, PORTER, ALBERS, GREEN, DUFF, GUNDERSON, J. LEHMAN, DUEHOLM, ZUKOWSKI, SKINDRUD, MEYER, HAHN, KAUFERT, HOVEN, MURAT, HARS DORF, BAUMGART, SPRINGER, GRONEMUS, VANDER LOOP, POWERS, TRAVIS, BOYLE, LA FAVE, OWENS, OTT, BALDWIN, UNDERHEIM, KRUSICK, MORRIS-TATUM, OURADA, WARD, WALKER, HANDRICK, ZIEGELBAUER, BLACK, GARD, KREIBICH, RILEY, LADWIG, JOHNSRUD, SERATTI, NASS, VRAKAS, RYBA, STEINBRINK, COGGS, SCHAFFER, REYNOLDS, BOCK, KRUG, HUBLER, AINSWORTH, LINTON, JESKEWITZ and HUEBSCH, by request of State of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 45.25 (4) (d) and 45.396 (10); **to amend** 45.397 (2) (a) and 45.74  
2           (7); and **to create** 45.385 of the statutes; **relating to:** veterans part-time  
3           classroom study, veterans tuition and fee reimbursement, veterans retraining  
4           grants, authority to construct and operate residential, treatment and nursing  
5           care facilities in southeastern Wisconsin and veterans housing loans.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, an eligible veteran may receive reimbursement for the tuition and fees paid for enrolling as an undergraduate in any institution in the University of Wisconsin System or in a technical college, up to 50% of the cost for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Currently, veterans are eligible for reimbursement for the tuition and fees of a correspondence course or part-time classroom study from an institution of higher education, up to 50% of the cost for a state resident for an equivalent undergraduate course at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The department of veterans affairs (DVA) may, under current law, provide reimbursement for these costs for the fiscal year in which the course was completed or in which the academic term during which the course was taken ended, whichever is earlier. This bill removes the time limit on DVA's ability to provide reimbursement for these costs.

Under current law, an eligible veteran who is enrolled in a training course in a technical college or in an approved proprietary school or engaged in a structured

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on-the-job training program is eligible for a retraining grant of up to \$3,000 for the costs of that course or training. This bill removes proprietary school training from eligibility for a retraining grant under this program.

This bill gives DVA, subject to building commission procedures and approval, authority to construct or renovate and operate residential, treatment and nursing care facilities in southeastern Wisconsin. The bill gives DVA authority to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation lands necessary for those facilities.

Under current law, as created in the budget bill (1997 Wisconsin Act 27), an eligible veteran may not receive a veteran's home loan to purchase a home if the price of the home being purchased exceeds 2.5 times the median price of a home in the state. This bill prohibits an eligible veteran from receiving a veteran's home loan for any eligible purpose, which includes the purchase of a home, improvements to a home or refinancing of a home loan, if the amount of the loan exceeds 2.5 times the median price of a home in the state.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 45.25 (4) (d) of the statutes is repealed.

2           **SECTION 2.** 45.385 of the statutes is created to read:

3           **45.385 Veterans residential, treatment and nursing care facilities.**

4           Subject to authorization under ss. 13.48 (10) and 20.924 (1), the department of  
5           veterans affairs may construct or renovate and operate residential, treatment and  
6           nursing care facilities in southeastern Wisconsin and may employ such personnel as  
7           are necessary for the proper management of the facilities. The department may  
8           acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation lands necessary for the purposes of the  
9           facilities. Title to any properties acquired under this section shall be taken in the  
10          name of this state. Every deed of conveyance shall be immediately recorded in the  
11          office of the proper register of deeds and filed with the secretary of state.

12          **SECTION 3.** 45.396 (10) of the statutes, as created by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, is  
13          repealed.

